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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5126

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NODIS CHEROKEE

ALSO FOR ASST SECY SHAUFELE

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

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SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH DFA SECRETARY BRAND FOURIE

1. WHEN I SAW BRAND FOURIE LAST THURSDAY TO CHECK ON DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHWEST AFRICA AS REPORTED IN THE LOCAL PRESS, HE SAID THAT NO PUBLIC MOVE ON THREE ASPECTS DISCUSSED IN BAVARIA HAD BEEN TAKEN BECAUSE THE SAG REGARDED ACTION ON SWA TO BE PART OF AN OVERALL EFFORT WHICH INCLUDED RHODESIA. SAG HAD WANTED TO MOVE ON SWA WELL IN ADVANCE OF AUGUST 31 UNSC DEADLINE BUT STILL WAITING TO HEAR FROM SECRETARY ON SWA AND RHODESIAN INITIATIVES. FOURIE EXPRESSED SURPRISE OVER DELAY WHICH HE SAID PLACED PM VORSTER IN INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT POSITION WITH ASSETS IN RHODESIA AND DOMESTICALLY IN MAINTAINING SILENCE ABOUT BAVARIA FOLLOW-UP, PARTICULARLY WITH SO MANY PRESS STORIES EMANATING FROM LONDON.

2. OVER THE WEEKEND SABC AND LOCAL PRESS BEGAN CARRYING STORIES THAT SHAUFELE IS COMING TO AFRICA THIS WEEK TO VISIT ZAMBIA, BOTSWANA AND SOUTH AFRICA. THIS ATTRIBUTED TO UNNAMED STATE DEPARTMENT SOURCES. FOURIE CALLED ME THIS MORNING TO INQUIRE IF I KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT SHAUFELE VISIT. I TOLD HIM I DID NOT. PRESS HAS SO FAR NOT TRIED TO CHECK OUT STORY WITH EMBASSY. WOULD APPRECIATE STANDBY GUIDANCE ON WHAT TO SAY SHOULD FOURIE MAKE FURTHER INQUIRY OR PRESS ASK FOR COMMENT.

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